



## BOARD of DIRECTORS' MEETING

**Thursday, May 17, 2007  
10:00 A.M.**

### AGENDA

Imperial Irrigation District  
1285 Broadway  
El Centro, CA  
(760) 564-4888

**CALL TO ORDER**, Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Authority's jurisdiction. This time is reserved for matters not already on the Agenda. Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Board.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – Approve, Receive and File

- A. Minutes: April 26, 2007 (Attachment 1, Pages 1-4)
- B. Warrant Register Ratification 04/01/07 to 04/30/07 issued by the SSA (Attachment 2, Page 5)

### OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Community Outreach Program Status
  - A. Salton Sea Authority – All Resolutions of Support Received (Attachment 3, Pages 6-7)
  - B. Legislative Report

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. State of California Salton Sea Restoration Preferred Alternative
- 2. 2007-2008 Salton Sea Authority Work Program and Proposed Budget (Attachment 4, Pages 8-10)
- 3. Army Corp of Engineers Water Resources Development Act Update (Attachment 5, Page 11-16)
- 4. Member Information / Discussion / Correspondence / Upcoming Meetings & Events
  - A. Board Meeting for June 28, 2007
- 5. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: June 28, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to be held at the Torres Martinez Reservation, 66-725 Martinez Road, Thermal, CA.

### ADJOURNMENT



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

## SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

#### April 26, 2007

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (Authority) Board of Directors (Board) was called to order by Gary Wyatt, Board President, at 9:00 a.m., April 26, 2007, at the Imperial Irrigation District in La Quinta, CA. The Board adjourned into a Closed Session to discuss the performance evaluation of the Authority's Executive Director.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:10 a.m.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PRESENT**

Marion Ashley  
Jim Hanks  
Peter Nelson, Vice President  
Roy Wilson  
Gary Wyatt, President

#### **AGENCY**

Riverside County  
Imperial Irrigation District  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Riverside County  
Imperial County

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ABSENT**

Larry Grogan  
Corky Larson  
Al Loya, Secretary  
Joe Loya  
Stella Mendoza

#### **AGENCY**

Imperial County  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Torres Martinez Tribe  
Torres Martinez Tribe  
Imperial Irrigation District

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ted Deckers, Imperial County resident, thanked Dan Cain of the Authority for his support of the February fish clean-up. Mr. Deckers suspects that a large fish die-off will take place in August, 2007, and funding sources need to be identified for that event. He also urged the Board to continue to fight for the largest north end lake possible. Residents around the Sea are organizing a bus ride to Sacramento where they will lobby state legislators to support the Authority's restoration plan.

Robert Hargreaves, Authority counsel, reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Minutes – March 22, 2007
- B. Warrant Register Ratification 3/01/07 to 3/31/07
- C. Record of Quarterly Contract Budget Changes
- D. Record of quarterly Contract Status Report

*A motion was made by Peter Nelson and seconded by Marion Ashley to approve the Consent Calendar. There were no objections. The motion carried.*

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. PRELIMINARY WORK PROGRAM**

Rick Daniels presented a 2007-2008 Work Program. He will develop a budget for the Program and submit it to the Board at the next Board meeting.

## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dan Parks, Coachella Valley Water District, reported on the April 19, 2007 TAC meeting. Two Wildlife Conservation Grant Applications were submitted to the Committee for approval that would fund Early Start Habitat and Controlled Eutrophication Process. Both projects were approved and are ready for submittal once land for the project is specified, and Authority staff is working on acquiring it.

Authority staff secured Regional Water Quality Control Board funding for Wetlands Operations and Maintenance and a Fish Removal Program. The Committee approved the proposed projects and contracts with Imperial Irrigation District for the Wetlands O&M and ERS for the removal of dead fish from the Salton Sea.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM STATUS**

#### **LIST OF RESOLUTIONS**

A list of newly passed resolutions was submitted to the Board. The Community Action Partnership of Riverside County passed a resolution of support after a presentation by Rick Daniels last week.

Rick Daniels presented The Desert Sun's three day report on the Salton Sea to the Board. The three day package will be published as one document which the Authority will be sent to legislators in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. CONTROLLED EUTROPHICATION PROJECT PROPOSAL**

The CEP project continues to move forward. If Salton Sea Restoration is included in WRDA, some of those funds will be dedicated to the CEP demonstration project which will cost approximately \$10 million. Authority staff is working on securing land acquisition on the Alamo River before the next phase of the project can begin. Director Hanks recommended that staff present the plan to the Imperial County Farm Bureau and conduct a workshop with the Imperial Irrigation District.

*A motion was made by Peter Nelson and seconded by Gary Wyatt to approve the use of grant funding for the Controlled Eutrophication Project and for staff to move forward on land acquisition. There were no*

*objections. The motion carried.*

**3. EARLY START HABITAT PROPOSAL**

It is the Authority's plan to maintain a fishery for birds before the dike gets built during the Salton Sea Restoration Project. Staff has begun work on Early Start Habitat at the Sea which will be partially funded by a grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board. If Salton Sea Restoration is included in the WRDA Bill, staff will use part of that funding for this project.

Supervisor Wyatt expressed his support for this proposal, and announced that both IID and Imperial County offered their support to this project at a joint meeting that was recently held. Rick Daniels explained that ESH will be built in both the north and south ends of the Sea.

*A motion was made by Roy Wilson and seconded by Marion Ashley to authorize the Authority to move forward with the Early Start Habitat Plan. There were no objections. The motion carried.*

**4. WETLANDS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IID**

The Authority has secured a grant from the Regional Water Quality Control Board to fund a one year \$65,000 contract with IID for a Wetlands Operation and Maintenance Services agreement.

**5. FISH REMOVAL AGREEMENT WITH ERS**

The Authority has secured a grant from the Regional Water Quality Control Board to fund a one year \$50,000 contract with ERS to clean up fish the collect in some of the residential/back-water areas around the Sea when a fish die off occurs.

*A motion was made by Marion Ashley and seconded by Peter Nelson for approval of contracts with IID and ERS to be funded with grants from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. There were no objections. The motion carried.*

**6. STATE OF CALIFORNIA DRAFT PROPOSED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL**

**A. SECRETARY CHRISMAN'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

Rick Daniels presented the State of California's Proposed Preferred Alternative Proposal. The Secretary of Resources was scheduled to announce a final proposal on April 30, 2007, but he has delayed that date by 7 to 10 days.

**B. REPORT INDICATING AUTHORITY'S POSITION ON SECRETARY'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

A letter signed by Supervisor Larry Grogan (Imperial County) and Congressman Bob Filner addressed to Secretary Chrisman was presented to the Board by Rick Daniels. He requested the Board's direction on preparing a letter to Secretary Chrisman from the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors. Board members presented their comments and directed Rick Daniels to craft a letter for their signature.

*A motion was made by Roy Wilson and seconded by Peter Nelson to direct the Salton Sea Authority Executive Director to write a letter incorporating the comments by Supervisor Grogan and Congressman Filner and Board members' comments from the April 26, 2007 meeting. There were no objections. The motion carried.*

**C. APPROVAL OF STATE RELATIONS AND ADVOCACY CONTRACTS**

Rick Daniels presented two contracts that would provide advocacy services to the Authority. The first contract is with Randle Communications who will provide strategic communications and public affairs

consulting. The second contract is with California Strategies & Advocacy who will provide comprehensive strategy and governmental affairs consulting, statewide coalition-building assistance, and legislative and executive branch lobbying in support of the Authority's Plan to restore the Salton Sea.

*A motion was made by Marion Ashley and seconded by Peter Nelson to approve the contracts with Randle Communications and California Strategies to provide advocacy for the Salton Sea Authority. There were no objections. The motion carried.*

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT AND COMPENSATION**

Supervisor Wyatt announced that the Board met in closed session to discuss the Executive Director's performance. The Imperial County Supervisors agree that Rick Daniels has fulfilled his original work plan, and they are comfortable with continuing his employment as Executive Director with an increase in compensation. Supervisors Wilson and Ashley also gave their support to the Executive Director and requested that Rick Daniels resign from his position at the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) and become the permanent, full-time Executive Director for the Salton Sea Authority. Salary will be set at \$13,500 per month.

*A motion was made by Peter Nelson and seconded by Marion Ashley to hire Rick Daniels as the full-time Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority as a Riverside County employee effective April 26, 2007 at salary of \$13,500 per month. There were no objections. The motion carried.*

**8. MEMBER INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDENCE/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Rick Daniels reported that Senate Bill 187 was approved by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water and forwarded to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Senate Bill 187 was introduced by Senator Ducheny on February 6, 2007. The bill would provide bond funding for the beginning stages of implementation of the preferred alternative plan to restore the Salton Sea and establish a lead agency for the restoration.

the Rick Daniels announced that Geniene Croft, Financial Officer for the Authority, has accepted a job with City of Coachella. The Board expressed their gratitude for Ms. Croft's years of service to the Authority and wished her well in her new position. The Authority has hired Gloria Sampson to do the bookkeeping for the office, and a copy of her proposal was distributed.

Supervisor Wyatt announced that Tom Dubose, Building Industry Association (BIA), attended legislative days in Sacramento. The BIA is in strong support of the Authority's plan, and will be doing advocacy work on the Authority's behalf in Sacramento.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 17, 2007 at the Imperial Irrigation District in El Centro, CA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Gary Wyatt adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

**Warrant Register**  
**April 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007**



<b>Warrant Date</b>	<b>Warrant Number</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
03/02/07	13833	Best Best & Kreiger	\$ 1,680.72
03/02/07	13834	Capitol Weekly Group	149.00
03/02/07	13835	Conveyor Group	960.00
03/02/07	13836	County of Imperial	2,255.86
03/14/07	13837	CVEP	14,520.73
03/14/07	13838	Federal Express Corp	298.58
03/14/07	13839	Grainger	1,084.81
03/14/07	13840	Harsch Realty	3,996.99
03/14/07	13841	Office Depot, Inc	107.71
03/14/07	13842	Point 7 West	12,273.49
03/14/07	13843	Qwest Communications	43.36
03/14/07	13844	Riverside Co. Water Symposium	500.00
03/14/07	13845	Southwest Networks	733.27
03/14/07	13846	Voided Check	-
03/14/07	13847	Tetra Tech Division	212,103.00
03/14/07	13848	Voided Check	-
03/14/07	13849	Tetra Tech Division	219,817.00
03/14/07	13850	Verizon	532.89
03/14/07	13851	Roy Wilson - Reimbursement	251.30
03/14/07	13852	Dan Cain - Reimbursement	460.30
03/14/07	13853	Richard Daniels - Reimbursement	4,054.31
03/14/07	13854	Geniene Croft - Reimbursement	110.47
03/14/07	13855	KMBS U.S.A., Inc	144.36
03/14/07	13856	Laura Green - Reimbursement	30.68
		<b>Total</b>	<b>476,108.83</b>

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**Warrant Register**  
**April 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007**



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>

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## **JURISDICTIONS SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY RESTORATION PLAN**

### **Governmental Agencies**

County of Riverside  
County of Imperial  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Imperial Irrigation District  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
City of La Quinta  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Coachella  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Indio  
City of Calexico  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Palm Springs  
City of El Centro  
City of Brawley  
City of Rancho Mirage  
Desert Water Agency  
Desert Healthcare District  
Salton Community Services District  
Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Coachella Valley Enterprise Zone  
Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport Authority  
Mecca Community Council  
Oasis Community Council  
North Shore Community Council  
Sky Valley Community Council  
Indio Hills Community Council  
Hot Springs Community Council  
Thermal Community Council  
Riverside County Workforce Development Board  
Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority  
Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention and Visitors Authority  
Community Action Partnership Of Riverside County  
Desert Alliance for Community Empowerment





## **JURISDICTIONS SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY RESTORATION PLAN**

Desert Shores I.A. Volunteer Fire Department

### **Non-Governmental Agencies**

Palm Springs Economic Development Corporation

Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation

Riverside County Farm Bureau, Inc

Imperial Valley Board of Realtors

Rancho Housing Alliance, Inc

Building Industry Association

Imperial Valley Joint Chambers of Commerce

Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce

West Shores Chamber of Commerce

Imperial Chamber of Commerce

Indio Chamber of Commerce

Calexico Chamber of Commerce

Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce

Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce

Brawley Chamber of Commerce

La Quinta Chamber of Commerce

Coachella Chamber of Commerce

El Centro Chamber of Commerce

All Valley Legislative Coalition

Desert Shores Improvement Association

Howdy Neighbor Days

House of Lanterns, Inc



**DRAFT**  
**Work Program**  
**2007-2008**

Secure State Approval of Preferred Alternative

- Participate in Legislative consideration
- Communicate with Legislative delegation, leadership and members
- Secure Governor's concurrence
- Communicate with Administration leadership and Governor

Gain Federal Concurrence with Preferred Alternative

- Work closely with Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers
- Communicate with Congressional Delegation and members

Secure Project Funding

- Develop appropriate funding level with member agencies
- Develop state project funding proposals and secure approvals
- Develop Federal projects funding proposals and secure approvals
- Investigate private funding options
- Develop Authority Funding through new measures (IFD, Community Benefits District, etc.)

Implementation

- Complete Phase II of the Project Benefits Analysis to demonstrate economic value of Restoration
- Initiate EIR/EIS
- Initiate design/development of Early Start Habitat Complex
- Initiate design/development of Controlled Eutrophication Project water treatment
- Design Environmental Monitoring Program
- Preferred Alternative Development and Design (barrier configuration and cost, water plumbing, water treatment, geotech, modeling, etc.)

Community Outreach

- Ongoing public information/education

Special Projects

- Manage Fish Kill clean-up
- Continue with Wetlands Construction
- Complete 2006 BOR CO-OP agreement for water quality investigation and geo
- Finalize Integrated Regional Water Management Plan based on alternative selected.

**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY BUDGET  
BASIC OPERATIONS  
JULY 2007 THROUGH JUNE 2008**

<b>PERSONNEL AND BENEFIT EXPENSE</b>				
Personnel Expense				
75%	<i>Executive Director</i>	77.89		121,508
75%	<i>Executive Assistant</i>	21.36	22.52	34,528
Benefit Expense				93,111
Payroll Mgmt Fee				2,936
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>252,084</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSE</b>				
	Rent			38,000
	Common Area			18,000
	General Office Supplies			20,000
	Insurance			12,000
	Communications			18,000
	Postage			6,000
	Advertising			1,800
	Printing			10,000
	Membership,Dues,Subscriptions			20,000
	Office Equipment			
	<i>Office Equipment Maintenance</i>			15,000
	<i>Office Equipment Leases</i>			3,000
	<i>Office Equipment Capital</i>			11,000
	Travel			
	<i>Meetings</i>			35,000
	<i>Mileage</i>			10,000
	Auto Fleet Fees			13,494
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>231,294</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>				
	<i>Attorney Srv</i>			50,000
	<i>Financial Support</i>			30,000
	<i>Auditor</i>			15,450
	<i>Co.Riv H/R Srv</i>			10,000
	<i>Legislative Representation</i>			360,000
	<i>Technical Srv</i>			100,000
	<i>Financial Plan (IFD)</i>			200,000
	<i>Public Outreach</i>			100,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>865,450</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>				
	Project Contingency/Office Shut Down			250,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>250,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Expense Total</b>				<b>1,598,828</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
	Cash on Hand 07/01/07			-
	Member Assessments			620,000
	State Conservancy			1,000,000

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		
<b>Income Total as of 06/30/08</b>		1,620,000
<b>ACCUMULATIVE</b>		
<b>Accumulative Cash Flow</b>		21,171

**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY BUDGET  
PROJECTS  
JULY 2007 THROUGH JUNE 2008**

<b>PERSONNEL AND BENEFIT EXPENSE</b>				
Personnel Expense				
25%	<i>Executive Director</i>	77.89		40,503
25%	<i>Executive Assistant</i>	21.36	22.52	11,509
100%	<i>Sr Admn Analyst</i>	39.37	41.50	85,582
Benefit Expense				88,191
				-
Indirect Rate Calculation(to cover admin expense)				95,311
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				321,096
<b>PROJECT EXPENSE</b>				
Wildlife Conservation Board-CEP Phase 111				3,060,000
Army Corp of Engineers-Early Start Habitat				-
Army Corp of Engineers-USGS Monitoring				-
Army Corp of Engineers-EIS,EIR				-
Army Corp of Engineers-Design Engineering				-
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				3,060,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Expense Total</b>				3,381,096
<b>INCOME</b>				
Wildlife Conservation Board-CEP Phase 111				340,000
Fish Clean Up				9,000
Indirect Rate Calculation(to cover admin expense)				95,311
<b>PROJECT REIMBURSEMENTS</b>				3,060,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				3,504,311
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; REIMBURSEMENTS</b>				
<b>Income Total</b>				3,504,311
<b>LOSS/GAIN</b>				
<b>Projected Cash Loss/Gain</b>				123,215
<b>ACCUMULATIVE</b>				
<b>Accumulative Cash Flow</b>				123,215



1 the declaration of nonnavigability for the portion under  
2 this section shall cease to be effective.

3 **SEC. 3026. SALTON SEA RESTORATION, CALIFORNIA.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) SALTON SEA AUTHORITY.—The term  
6 “Salton Sea Authority” means the Joint Powers Au-  
7 thority established under the laws of the State of  
8 California by a joint power agreement signed on  
9 June 2, 1993.

10 (2) SALTON SEA SCIENCE OFFICE.—The term  
11 “Salton Sea Science Office” means the Office estab-  
12 lished by the United States Geological Survey and  
13 currently located in La Quinta, California.

14 (b) PILOT PROJECTS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—

16 (A) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review  
17 the preferred restoration concept plan approved  
18 by the Salton Sea Authority to determine  
19 whether the pilot projects are economically jus-  
20 tified, technically sound, environmentally ac-  
21 ceptable, and meet the objectives of the Salton  
22 Sea Reclamation Act (Public Law 105–372).

23 (B) IMPLEMENTATION.—If the Secretary  
24 determines that the pilot projects meet the re-  
25 quirements of subparagraph (A), the Secretary

1           may enter into an agreement with the Salton  
2           Sea Authority and, in consultation with the  
3           Salton Sea Science Office, carry out pilot  
4           projects for improvement of the environment in  
5           the area of the Salton Sea, except that the Sec-  
6           retary shall be a party to each contract for con-  
7           struction under this subsection.

8           (2) LOCAL PARTICIPATION.—In prioritizing  
9           pilot projects under this section, the Secretary  
10          shall—

11                 (A) consult with the Salton Sea Authority  
12                 and the Salton Sea Science Office; and

13                 (B) consider the priorities of the Salton  
14                 Sea Authority.

15           (3) COST SHARING.—Before carrying out a  
16           pilot project under this section, the Secretary shall  
17           enter into a written agreement with the Salton Sea  
18           Authority that requires the non-Federal interest  
19           to—

20                 (A) pay 35 percent of the total costs of the  
21                 pilot project;

22                 (B) provide any land, easements, rights-of-  
23                 way, relocations, and dredged material disposal  
24                 areas necessary to carry out the pilot project;  
25                 and

1 (C) hold the United States harmless from  
2 any claim or damage that may arise from car-  
3 rying out the pilot project, except any claim or  
4 damage that may arise from the negligence of  
5 the Federal Government or a contractor of the  
6 Federal Government.

7 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
8 authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (b)  
9 \$30,000,000, of which not more than \$5,000,000 may be  
10 used for any 1 pilot project under this section.

11 **SEC. 3027. SANTA BARBARA STREAMS, LOWER MISSION**  
12 **CREEK, CALIFORNIA.**

13 The project for flood damage reduction, Santa Bar-  
14 bara Streams, Lower Mission Creek, California, author-  
15 ized by section 101(b)(8) of the Water Resources Develop-  
16 ment Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2577), is modified to author-  
17 ize the Secretary to construct the project at a total cost  
18 of \$30,000,000, with an estimated Federal cost of  
19 \$15,000,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of  
20 \$15,000,000.

21 **SEC. 3028. UPPER GUADALUPE RIVER, CALIFORNIA.**

22 The project for flood damage reduction and recre-  
23 ation, Upper Guadalupe River, California, authorized by  
24 section 101(a)(9) of the Water Resources Development  
25 Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 275), is modified to authorize the



1 headed, filled, or otherwise occupied by 1 or more perma-  
2 nent structures, or if work in connection with any activity  
3 carried out pursuant to applicable Federal law requiring  
4 a permit, including sections 9 and 10 of the Act of March  
5 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401), is not commenced by the date  
6 that is 5 years after the date of issuance of such a permit,  
7 the declaration of nonnavigability for the portion under  
8 this section shall cease to be effective.

9 **SEC. 3021. SALTON SEA RESTORATION, CALIFORNIA.**

10 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

11 (1) **SALTON SEA AUTHORITY.**—The term  
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19 currently located in La Quinta, California.

20 (b) **PILOT PROJECTS.**—

21 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—

22 (A) **REVIEW.**—The Secretary shall review  
23 the preferred restoration concept plan approved  
24 by the Salton Sea Authority to determine  
25 whether the pilot projects are economically jus-

1       tified, technically sound, environmentally ac-  
2       ceptable, and meet the objectives of the Salton  
3       Sea Reclamation Act (Public Law 105-372).

4       (B) IMPLEMENTATION.—If the Secretary  
5       determines that the pilot projects meet the re-  
6       quirements of subparagraph (A), the Secretary  
7       may enter into an agreement with the Salton  
8       Sea Authority and, in consultation with the  
9       Salton Sea Science Office, carry out pilot  
10      projects for improvement of the environment in  
11      the area of the Salton Sea, except that the Sec-  
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19      (B) consider the priorities of the Salton  
20      Sea Authority.

21      (3) COST SHARING.—Before carrying out a  
22      pilot project under this section, the Secretary shall  
23      enter into a written agreement with the Salton Sea  
24      Authority that requires the non-Federal interest  
25      to—

1 (A) pay 35 percent of the total costs of the  
2 pilot project,

3 (B) provide any land, easements, rights-of-  
4 way, relocations, and dredged material disposal  
5 areas necessary to carry out the pilot project;  
6 and

7 (C) hold the United States harmless from  
8 any claim or damage that may arise from car-  
9 rying out the pilot project, except any claim or  
10 damage that may arise from the negligence of  
11 the Federal Government or a contractor of the  
12 Federal Government.

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
14 authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (b)  
15 \$26,000,000, of which not more than \$5,000,000 may be  
16 used for any 1 pilot project under this section.

17 **SEC. 3022. SANTA BARBARA STREAMS, LOWER MISSION**  
18 **CREEK, CALIFORNIA.**

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